

ABSTRACT

A system and method for providing network-based functionality to a word processing document includes, on the client side, a productivity application which is augmented
5 with network-enabling software that provides users with new network-based functionality, which may be accessed within the productivity application. The network-enabling software of the present invention enables users to generate and modify word processing documents by embedding network-enabling objects that can launch and make use of network-based
10 functionality from within the productivity application. The invention further includes remote server support for the network-enabling software that augments the personal computer application, and as well as providing support for the resulting word processing document. Network-based content may be placed, for example, in a table, at a specific insertion point or within an embedded portion of another document type within a word processing document. The
15 network-based content may be static or may be dynamically updated based upon a change in the network-based content at the network source. The end user may selectively decide to refresh network based content objects at their discretion and at any time during the use of the word processing document.